

invention is not limited to the particular embodiments described herein, and that various rearrangements, modifications, and substitutions may be implemented without departing from the true spirit of the invention as hereinafter claimed. It is also to be understood that, unless otherwise indicated, gender references are not specific and the feminine form has generally been chosen for expediency to indicate a generic user, and gender-specific pronouns may generally be interchanged (i.e., "him" for "her" and the converse).

What is claimed is:

1. A method for journalizing, comprising the steps of:

providing a written exemplary text describing a journalized activity;

providing graphical images of items described in the written exemplary text;

providing journalizing instructions;

providing formatted journal entry forms configured to conform to the journalizing instructions and the written exemplary text;

providing an audio recording device;

engaging in an activity;

using the audio recording device to record oral observations of the activity;

providing an audio playback device;

using the audio playback device to playback the recorded oral observations; and

journalizing a written description of the activity by populating the formatted journal entry forms with written observations responsive to the written exemplary text, the graphical images and the recorded oral observations.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing a prerecorded audio narrative;

playing the prerecorded audio narrative; and

wherein the step of journalizing is further responsive to the playback of the prerecorded audio narrative.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

providing a character doll; and

incorporating the character doll into at least one of the written exemplary text, the graphical images and the prerecorded audio narrative;

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

providing at least one removable costume accessory for the doll correlating to at least one of the written exemplary text, the graphical images and the prerecorded audio narrative; and

attaching the audio recording device to the doll by removably inserting the device into the at least one removable costume accessory.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of obtaining visual images corresponding to the activity, wherein the step of journalizing is further responsive to the obtained visual images.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the character doll is a female child character or a male child character.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of providing the prerecorded audio narrative further comprises the step of providing at least a portion of the narrative as a spoken oral performance by the character doll.

8. A multimedia journal, comprising:

a written exemplary text describing a journalized activity;

printed graphical images of items described in the written exemplary text;

journalizing instructions;

formatted journal entry forms configured to conform to the journalizing instructions and the written exemplary text;

an audio recording device; and

an audio playback device.

9. The multimedia journal of claim 8, further comprising a prerecorded audio narrative configured to be played on the audio playback device.

10. The multimedia journal of claim 9, further comprising a character doll, wherein the character doll is incorporated into at least one of the written exemplary text, the graphical images and the prerecorded audio narrative;

11. The multimedia journal of claim 10 further comprising at least one removable costume accessory for the doll correlating to at least one of the written exemplary text, the graphical images and the prerecorded audio narrative, wherein the audio recording device is attached to the doll by removably inserting the device into the at least one removable costume accessory.

12. The multimedia journal of claim 11 further comprising at least one repository for receiving visual images.

13. The multimedia journal of claim 12 further comprising at least one repository for receiving and displaying visual images.

14. The multimedia journal of claim 13 further comprising a visual recording device and wherein the at least one repository is configured for receiving images produced by the visual recording device.

15. The multimedia journal of claim 14 wherein the character doll is a female child character or a male child character.

16. The multimedia journal of claim 15 wherein the prerecorded audio narrative further comprises a spoken oral performance by the character doll.

17. An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable program embodied in said medium, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to:

display a written exemplary text describing a journalized activity;

display graphical images of items correlated to the written exemplary text;

display journalizing instructions; and

provide at least one formatted journal entry form configured to conform to the journalizing instructions and the written exemplary text, and further configured to be populated with journal entries.